

Marriage in Heaven

Mark 12:18-27

It is true that the institution of marriage was ordained by God only for this life, and not for heaven. The reason is because in heaven we will never die, and therefore marriage will no longer be necessary to carry on the human race. This is what Jesus meant when He said, "At the resurrection (when we are given new bodies) people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven" (Matthew 22:30).

But this verse has nothing to do with the question of being reunited in heaven with our loved ones. After King David's infant son died, David knew that after his own death they would be reunited: "Now that he is dead, why should I fast (i.e. mourn)? ... I will go to him, but he will not return to me" (2 Samuel 12:23).

Thank God for His promises, and the hope we have of heaven if we know Christ. Thank God also that someday we will be reunited with those who have entered heaven before us. But most of all, thank God that in heaven we will be with Christ forever. Billy Graham

- I. Jesus' response to the Sadducees pathetic question on marriage points to two important aspects of faith that must be a part of our lives if we desire to grow in our understanding of what it means to have a biblical world view. The first is making sure we let Scripture shape and form the way we think. The second is recognizing and believing that the Lord's divine power gives us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him. The first is profitable for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness so that we may be thoroughly equipped for every good work, the second is vital for standing firm in the faith.

Mark 12:18-24
2 Tim. 3:16
2 Peter 1:3

It is important to remember that a worldview is comprehensive. It affects every area of life, from money to morality, from politics to art. True Christianity is more than a set of ideas to use at church. Christianity as taught in the Bible is itself a worldview. The Bible never distinguishes between a "religious" and a "secular" life; the Christian life is the only life there is. Jesus proclaimed Himself "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6) and, in doing so, became our worldview. gotquestions.org

2 Timothy 2:15 *Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.*

- II. Jesus speaks of three truths concerning our future: we will experience a bodily resurrection, we will not die, and we will be so thoroughly changed in the way we think, interact, and live that marriage will no longer be necessary. We can surmise that there will be a perfect **phileo** love, a perfect **storge** love, and a perfect **agape** love toward one another. The main reason there will be no marriage in heaven is because of the marriage bond between Christ and his bride the church. The marriage will be consummated after the rapture and before the tribulation period. After the bema seat judgment, we will all sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb in celebration of what he has eternally given us because of our trust in him.

Mark 12:25

1 Cor. 15:20-21

Luke 20:34-36

Rom. 12:10

Eph. 5:1-2

2 Cor. 11:2

Eph. 5:25-26,32

Rev. 19:6-9

Jesus is the bridegroom; we are the bride. It is a perfect union, it is based on his sacrificial love for us, and it is consummated at the marriage supper of the lamb. We will be made complete and satisfied in our relationship with him and with one another. There will be no more loneliness, insecurity, unmet needs, dysfunctional relationships, or heartache to be loved in an understanding way for his love is unending, unchanging, and genuine toward all who have come to know him through salvation.

1 Cor. 13:12 *For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know full, even as I have been fully known.*

- III. Jesus quoted Exodus 3:6 to refute the Sadducees stance on the resurrection. If they are going to base their claims on the Torah alone, then they must accept what God said to Moses concerning the patriarchs. He used the present tense when he said "I am" to indicate that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are still living. *"Therefore Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob are living for him right now, and they will keep on living for him forever" (Ryken).* We too are living for him right now as we wait either for the rapture or for our bodily death, and we will keep on living for him forever

Mark 12:26-27

1 Cor. 15:42-44

Phil 3:9

While the Scripture gives much detail with respect to the body of the saved, there is absolutely nothing said with respect to the body of the lost [Acts 24:14-15; Rev. 20:11-15]. We know they are raised and judged. Yet Scripture is silent as to what form they will assume upon their resurrection. Don Stewart (blb.org)